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VANILA PLANTATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the States where Vanila is cultivated at present;

(b) whether there is a vast scope to increase vanila plantation in those States; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Vanila is mainly cultivated in the States of Kerala, Karnataka & Tamil Nadu,

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): For promoting vanilla Plantation, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on MacroManagement in Agriculture - Supplementing/Complementing the State Efforts through WorkPlans, following programmes are implemented: (i.) Production and distribution of quality planting material at 25% subsidy; and (ii.) Establishment and maintenance of demonstration plots in the farmers` field in potential vanilla growing States by providing assistance @ 25% of cost of inputs limited to Rs.500/- per plot. Technical guidance regarding cultivation aspects, plant protection etc. is being provided to the farmers by the State department of agriculture/ horticulture.Besides, Spices Board under Ministry of Commerce is implementing following programmes to promote vanilla cultivation:

Programme	Incentive/assistance provided
1. New planting	Maximum of Rs.5/- per cutting or 50% of the cost of quality rooted cuttings of vanilla.
2. Setting up of processing units	Rs.2,500/- per unit to farmers towards 25% of the cost of setting up vanilla curing unit.

In addition, the Spices Board is providing training to the farmers to create awarenessabout vanilla cultivation and post harvest handling. The Board has also created tissue culture facility for generating planting material of vanilla.